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TO MRS KENNETH KEATING 161 HODGE ROAD

PRINCETON NEW JERSEY 08540

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DEAR MARY:

THE TRAGIC NEWS OF KEN'S DEATH HAS SHOCKED ALL OF US WHO
WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WORKED WITH HIM. WE SHARE WITH
YOU A MEMORY OF A MAN DEVOTED TO THE VERY LAST OF HIS
LIFE TO THE GOOD OF OUR NATION. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
AS A MAN OF ACCOMPLISHMENT WHO EXEMPLIFIED THE HIGHEST
QUALITIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DIPLOMACY.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES AND THOSE OF ALL OF
THE MANY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS OF THE AMBASSADOR IN NEA.
WE ARE ALL SADDENED TODAY, AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU
IN THIS MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE AND GRIEF.

SINCERELY,

ROY (SIGNED)

ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BUREAU OF NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN
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